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In re application of: Charles ROESSET et al. Conf. No. 5260

Application No.: 10/680,585 Examiner: KATCHEVES, Basil S.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This amendment is being submitted in response to the Examiner's office action dated March 31, 2005. It is accompanied by a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for one month and a check for the requisite fee, making it a timely response.

Applicant believes no further fee is due. If this belief is in error, the commissioner is permitted to charge any required extension and/or fee to deposit account No. 03-4075 (Attorney Docket No. SST-1275).

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.